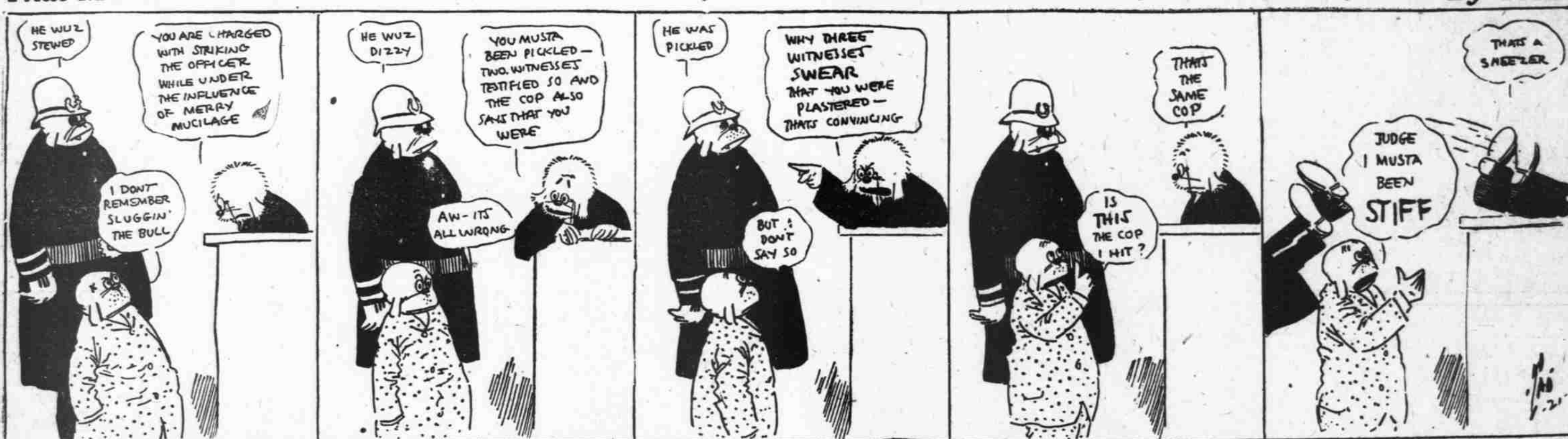


Spanish Influenza May Deprive
Marines of Chance in Battles

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Two Games Listed For Today In
Quest For District Ball Title

That Makes It Unanimous



SPANISH INFLUENZA NOW GRIPS DISTRICT SERIES

By BRYAN MORSE.

Spanish influenza, scaring the country at large and claiming columns of newspaper space, may take a whack at the District Baseball Association series in preventing the United States Marines from coming up for games here. If the Quince men are under quarantine there may be difficulty in getting the service men for their play-off in the section one series with War Risk.

It will be learned today whether the "Devil Dogs" will be allowed to make the trip for the game scheduled with War Risk tomorrow. This contest will settle the supremacy of the section and determine the winner which will enter the final series.

If the ban is lifted on the Marines team they may get here for tomorrow's title contest at American League Park. If the Marines fail to make the running they will probably be forfeited and War Risk given the honor of competing for the city title.

Three Battles On. Tomorrow three big games are scheduled. At American League Park the War Risk and Marines teams are on for the first game of a double-header. Navy Yard and Clarendon are to be hooked up in the other contest.

Navy Yard and Clarendon tied in their last meeting and are regularly scheduled for tomorrow. Marines and War Risk are playing off their tie for the leadership of the section. At American League Park tomorrow Army Medical and the Rex Athletic Club are due for an engagement.

At a meeting of the Amateur Association it was decided to finish up the title series this week. Games were scheduled as follows:

Today—Army Medical vs. Navy Yard, at American League Park. Tomorrow, Sept. 21—War Risk vs. Marines, at American League Park. Wednesday, Sept. 22—Rex A. C. vs. Clarendon, at American League Park. Thursday, Sept. 23—Open date (play off postponed). Friday, Sept. 24—War Risk vs. Marines, at American League Park. Saturday, Sept. 25—Open date (play off postponed if necessary). Sunday, Sept. 26—Intersectional series.

Two Games Today. Today the Navy Yard team stacks up against the Army Medical nine at American League Park. The contest was postponed yesterday and Lieut. Wesley Cox and Thomas Crook, managers of the teams, decided to stage the battle today.

Operations and Clarendon are booked for the American League Park contest. Operations is right on the heels of the Navy Yard team, while Clarendon has an outside chance to land the pennant in section 1.

The action of Sylvester A. Breen, president of the Cardinal A. C. team, in turning over the park to the District Baseball Association tomorrow was highly appreciated, and the association gave a vote of thanks to the Alexandria man for his attitude toward the series here.

Rain Knocks Schedule. Rain, postponements, the games, and the Spanish influenza have knocked the District series galley west. It is expected to close up the games this week and stage a big double bill next Sunday for the championship at American League Park.

At the present writing Navy Yard.

MARLEY 2 1/2 IN. DEVON 2 1/4 IN. ARROW COLLARS

Penny Ante

When A Fellow Wins A Few Pots In Succession.

By Jean Knott



COX HAS TROUBLES IN KEEPING STARS

LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

The professional baseball players has, on the whole, cut a rather sorry figure since the drums first began to beat and the bugles to sing. Here and there one of them has volunteered, notably Hank Gowdy, of the Braves, and Jim Scott, of the White Sox. Many have marched away with the selected contingents. Others have taken up "essential work" in munition plants or shipyards. And it is of these last that Charles Piez, general manager at Hog Island, speaks in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Lieut. Wesley Cox, manager of the Army Medical School, is having troubles these days. When Lieut. Cox can get all his players together he is able to give any of the teams a battle. Witness games with the Navy Yard and Clarendon, two of the strongest teams in the city series. At that Lieutenant Cox has lost several crack players. Congers, Seachrist, Schindler, Weil, Austin Howard, and Venecky have been ordered away. Hullfish and Sharkey were injured recently and cannot play.

Pretty tough on the Army Medical School team, which started off by trimming all the good teams around this season. "We aren't going to be last anyhow," says the lieutenant; "you can bet on it."

Operations signs two players for Matthews and Blue, who are off their list. Some say Manager Lane Lacy went to Baltimore to land two first-class players.

Tom Crook has high regard for players. Crook was discussing the relative merits of two hitters. "Why that guy can put a bat between his toes and hit better than him," says Crook.

B. Crulshanks, of Commerce, put up a good fight to stay in the association. His team failed to have nine men on the field in uniform for one game, and the association voted to drop the club from the series.

Rex A. C. failed to measure up to the standard set earlier in the season. Finney Kelly, Chet Lyons, and Lefty Brown pitched first-class ball, but were beaten or tied for their work.

Operations and Navy Yard have a game to play yet, and it is expected that this will be one of the warmest arguments in the series. Operations has lost Watt and Matthews from the infield.

The fans think Sylvester Breen of the Cardinals, a regular sport. He gave up the league park for the title games. In Breen's letter to The Times he winds up by saying: "Do you win the northern Virginia title?" Clarendon cancelled the game with the Cardinals for tomorrow.

Did you know that the Army Medical School team could have played Ty Cobb if the association hadn't ruled major leaguers out of the series. Cobb was here two weeks, and is listed with the chemical section, which makes him eligible for the Medics.

However, under the cloak of anonymity, yesterday they (labor leaders and officials of the Emergency Fleet Corporation) talked freely. They said almost every member of the baseball team of "Connie" Mack had sought and obtained employment at Cramps shipyard, where the navy is building a number of vessels. These men, the leaders said, came to work in the morning in their own automobiles, and were usually placed as foremen or subforemen and received splendid pay and without knowledge of the craft in which they were engaged.

"At Hog Island these labor leaders insisted there were equally glaring cases. They paid tribute to "Chief" Bender, the famous Indian baseball pitcher, for years with the Athletics, by saying he was constantly on the job and daily performing more work than his crew.

"They did call attention, however, to two cases they said excited. They related to "Pep" Young and Holmes, two baseball players of the Detroit American team, Holmes was with the Boston Nationals. These two employees, the labor leaders asserted, were employed as foremen of bolters-up at wages that reached \$52 weekly, and had nothing to do except watch the other men work.

Young and Holmes, the labor men said, didn't know a bolt from a screw.

What's in a Name? From a press dispatch we read: "Three of the fatal cases today among the merchant marine apprentices, Dr. Louis W. Crook, surgeon at the Shipping Board training base at East Boston, said that he believed the worst point in the outbreak of influenza there had been passed."

Then, again, a gentleman by the name of Warmbath is to lecture at the Y. M. C. A. on "The Arctic."

Now It's All Settled. Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, and Jack Dempsey, most prominent of his challengers, have met in Denver. They shook hands and

decided not to talk of personal hostilities until the war is over. So it's all settled.

If the war doesn't end within a year it will be unlikely that Willard will ever again be seen within the roped inclosure. He is so big that not under five or six months of hard work can he hope to attain that degree of physical condition that makes for victory. And he is approaching his fortieth year of life.

GRIFFMEN MAKING NO DRAFT CLAIMS

The Washington American League club will put in no drafts for minor league players this season. The annual draft started yesterday and will remain open five days.

"I have given the matter no consideration," said Manager Griffith today.

Neither the Browns nor the Cardinals will endeavor to obtain any players from the minors, owing to the dark future facing professional baseball.

Most big league owners believe that the game will not be resumed until the war ends and that the woods will be filled with likely players by that time.

PFEIFFER AT LEHIGH Dave Pfeiffer, former Tech High football leader, is one of two veteran players at Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa. Pfeiffer played and on the team last year until he was injured. He reported to Coach Tom Keady the other day for football.

With Pfeiffer are Wysocki and Saxman of last year's team. Coach Keady has practically no veterans on hand for this season, but expects a number of first class players in the present string of forty.

Sam Kaplan, former Central end, is among the candidates for the team. Kaplan played at Central two years ago and was rated as the best end in the schools here at the time.

NOTRE DAME CANCELS NOTRE DAME, Ind., Sept. 21.—In compliance with the Government's admonition against long trips that take time from the military drill and help burden the railroads, Notre Dame has canceled its game with Washington and Jefferson. This was one of the feature games on the Eastern schedule and limits their intersectional games to the one with West Point, which is almost certain to be played.

Rockne brought out his Irish farmers Monday and announced that matters might be worse, despite the fact that nearly all of the 1917 veterans were missing.

HE'S A MAJOR NOW. ATLANTA, Sept. 21.—It's now Major Alfred H. von Kolnitz for the former third baseman of the Chicago White Sox. He has just been promoted, with twenty-two other captains, at Camp Gordon. Von Kolnitz entered the first training camp, graduating a lieutenant.

FOOTBALL OUGHT TO BE FLOURISHING THIS YEAR

If the suggestions that have been made by Col. R. I. Rees, of the War Department, relative to college football are carried out, there is likely to be considerably more football during the approaching season than is realized at the present time. The War Department has placed itself squarely on record as being in favor of football minus extended trips and intensive training for any particular game or group of games.

As yet the scope of this order has not been fully determined, but there are indications that it will result in the cancellation of a great many more games than those which in the past have been described as intersectional contests.

In many military units there is a disposition on the part of commanding officers against permitting their men to travel more than seventy-five miles while on leave, and if this should obtain—and under Colonel Rees' ruling it is not unlikely that this limitation may be made—in college football most of the schedules that have already been arranged would have to be revised.

Such games as the Pennsylvania-Dartmouth, Penn. State-Dartmouth, Cornell-Pennsylvania, and Rutgers-West Virginia would come under the ban, and contests like the Columbia-Amherst, Pennsylvania-Pittsburgh, and Rutgers-Syracuse would also be barred.

Of course, if the 200-mile limit, which Williams College adapted for its athletic teams several years ago, should be adopted, the playing range of a team would be considerably extended.

Could Be Made Effective. What is likely to happen, however, and what could be made effective with very little difficulty, would be a complete rearrangement of the schedules based on geographical lines and under the direction of the military authorities. It is admitted that, once the students' army training corps is established in a college or university, the disciplinary rules of the university over the students is transferred to the military authorities, and the restrictions that have been placed on athletic competition and the like would be eliminated.

What is meant by entering students will be permitted to play on varsity teams, and also that rules such as those enforced at Columbia restricting the varsity eleven to games with teams outside of the Pennsylvania, Cornell, Yale, Dartmouth, Harvard and Princeton circle would go by the boards, too.

It would not be at all undesirable to have the military authorities arrange a schedule for Columbia, for example, with teams from Princeton, Rutgers, Yale, Pennsylvania, Wesleyan, New York University, Fordham and Stevens Institute. Cornell would find its games with its geographical rivals in Syracuse, Colgate, Rochester, Hobart and other nearby up-State colleges.

Quakers' Opponents. Pennsylvania would find satisfaction in a schedule that included games with Columbia, Princeton, Swarthmore, Lehigh, Lafayette, Villanova, for example, while Yale would get plenty of action in meeting such teams as Princeton, Harvard, Columbia, Wesleyan, Brown, Trinity, Amherst, and Williams.

By eliminating not only the intersectional games, but games between institutions which are situated so far from each other as to afford no real rivalry, intercollegiate football could be made a cement to bind together local college communities, and at the same time, bring back old rivalries that would have nothing but an exceedingly salutary effect on the sport.

Incidentally, expenses would be reduced to a minimum, for lengthy trips would not be necessary, with two or three days of preliminary practice on the opponent's field in order that the visiting team might become properly acclimated.

Fortunately, there are enough colleges within a given section to provide an overabundance of games, which would arouse intense interest.

GETS FINE CENTER WASHINGTON, Pa., Sept. 21.—Among the new candidates at work with the Washington and Jefferson football squad is Frank Jacobson, a recruit from the Elizabeth, N. J., high school. No less an authority than Burtleigh Crulshanks, former Washington and Jefferson center, and later Princeton coach, picks Jacobson as the best scholastic center in the East.

Dual sessions are being held until college opens October 1, and more than forty candidates have reported to Coach Hutchinson.

Send Your Names For Games

The football season is almost here. Several teams have begun practicing. The Times will run a football directory, just as it did in baseball for the sandlotters during the summer.

List your team with The Times. Weigh up your players, and after adding up their total weight, divide by the number of players, and that will give you the average weight of your eleven.

Send this average weight, with the name of the team and the manager's name and address, to The Times' Football Editor, and get in The Times' Directory now.

WESTERN RESERVE KILLS NAVY DATE

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 21.—Western Reserve has notified the Naval Academy football authorities that the scheduled game will have to be canceled, as the Cleveland college will make no long trips this year. The game was to have been played here on November 2.

The Middle do not expect much trouble in filling their schedule. Cancellations are bound to affect such teams as Pennsylvania, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, and W. and J. and efforts will be made to bring some of these teams here.

KIECKHEFER IS CHAMP. CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Augie Kieckhefer remains world's champion three-cushion billiardist. In the final play against Charles Olin of New York, he ran away out in front.

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